

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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Texas OT licensees are legally required to complete 30 contact hours of continuing education every two years to maintain professional licensure, with a minimum of 15 hours in Type 2. Refer to Chapter 367 for more information.

In order not to pay the late fees, the continuing education must be completed before the end of the birth month, with enough time to send the complete renewal packet to the Board before the current license expiration. CE completed during this two years of license duration are counted. Continuing education may not be carried over from one license renewal to the next.

GSC courses are strictly Type 1

Pharmaceutical courses, even those with “OT” “therapist” or “therapy” in the title are Type 1

Continuing Education

Can extra continuing education contact hour be carried over to the next renewal cycle?

No. The Board requires you to obtain 30 hours of continuing education for each 24-month renewal cycle. Everyone gets the same amount of time to earn the same number of continuing education. However, if you earn more than 30 hours in a renewal cycle, the Board does not consider the CE "wasted." Any time a licensee get training or education; it benefits the patients as well as the therapist.

□ Does an inactive licensee have to do continuing education?

Yes. The Board wants the inactive licensee ready to come back to work at any time. The CE keeps the licensee on-track with the profession. The inactive licensee is also part of the continuing education audit.

Are the courses in Occupational Therapy Theory or Occupational Science, Frames of Reference and Foundation knowledge counted as Type 2?

Yes. The Board recognized that OT practice and skills on built on this competency for decision making.

□ Can I use weight training as a Type 2?

Yes if you are using that technique with your patients.

Can I do my required CE online?

Yes. However they must still fit into Type 1 and Type 2 criteria. Also the course must require a post-test, and provide a certificate of completion for your files. All CE must be relevant to occupational therapy and fit into all criteria as written in rule Chapter 367. Continuing Education.

My mail contains □ information about workshops which are approved for Florida or PT or Ohio; does that mean the Board approves them?

There presently is not an approval method in place by the Board. Rather you should use your professional judgment to ask yourself these questions:

1. Does the course teach me skills specific to occupational therapy practice with patients or clients? That's Type 2. If you cannot tell from the brochure, call the course provider and ask this question.

2. If the course is applicable to professionals such as quality improvement, Documentation, e.g., CPT coding, TWCC, PPS, Medicare, Medicaid; General information such as "What is Autism," these fall into Type 1 or general information. Please read Chapter 367 concerning Continuing Education for more information.

□ What do I need to have for an audit?

Send in certificates of attendance, certificates of completion, college transcripts, sign-in sheet

for in-service, or employer computerized facility training.

Can I sign the renewal form affidavit before I finish the 30 hours?

The course you are signed up for to finish your hours could be cancelled; there could be an illness or weather problems which prevent you from attending. When you have finished all your CE , sign the form or go online to complete the renewal. If it's a paper renewal, you can mail it overnight and it's not late if it's postmarked before the end of the birth month. If you renew online, the RECEIPT PAGE works as your renewal card for up to 30 days or until you received your renewal card.

Has the board made any decision about particular continuing education courses?

Yes. The board has decided that courses regarding pharmaceuticals and therapy are Type 1, and all GSC courses are strictly Type 1.